

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/05/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-5 and 8-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

I. The current office-action is in response to the amendment filed on 05/05/2006.

Accordingly, Claims 1, 6-7 & 13-16 are cancelled, 2-5 & 8-12 are previously allowed as follows:

Allowable Subject Matter

II. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding Claims 1 and 9, Molne [US 5999811] and Seppanen et al. [US 5903832] fails to disclose a method of automatically establishing a roaming service for a mobile telephone, including using a pre-programmed SIM card such that a Location Update is performed in the following **logical order**: - 1. Registered Public Land Mobile Network ("RPLMN") i.e. the last registered network as stored in the SIM directory (EF6F7E) 2. Home PLMN ("HPLMN") 3. PLMNs contained in a "IPLMN Selector" data field based on the "Operator List". 4. User--defined preferred PLMN 5. Other PLMNs with received signal level above a predetermined strength in random order; and 6. All other PLMNs in order of descending signal strength.

Regarding Claim 8, Molne [US 5999811] and Seppanen et al. [US 5903832] fails to disclose, automatically re-establish roaming service with a network based on the operator list by modifying a registered public land mobile network of the mobile telephone during a location update procedure, wherein a country code of the registered public land mobile network is

compared with networks defined in the operator list and the most preferred network with the same country code replaces the registered public land mobile network.

For that reason, 1 and 8-9, are allowed since Claims 2-5 & 10-12 are dependent claims therefore they are also allowed, based on over Molne & Seppanen further in view of Lee et al.

Conclusion


III. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharad Rampuria whose telephone number is (571) 272-7870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F. (8:30-5).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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